

Nominations for DCR Employee of the Year 2011 Award

I nominate John DeCosta, Park Supervisor of Scusset Beach State Reservation for #1 DCR employee. I know John was voted Park supervisor of the year last year and was very well deserved and late coming to him. BUT..... With the closure of several state parks, he has been plagued by nothing but problems and angry campers which he has handled like a well trained supervisor should with patience, and kindness and great knowledge.

We lose the power more times than I want to count at Scusset which upset a lot of campers, people needed refunds and then having their vacations ruined. He knows how to handle them, and the power company. We went a whole summer with no power at the fish pier and had to resort to portable toilets. Really!!! He has to fix more broken things due to old equipment and does so when he has too without complaining. He Just gets the job done. With all the rain and storms we have had so many sites were in water, and evacuation of campers is not always and easy task either.

Several of our officers of the "friends" had medical issues this year and John was very caring and consoling and took time to let us know he cares and aren't just campers but human too. In speaking with a lot of campers who come into the park they are happy to see things being done, and we are happy to help John do them and more and more people have come to know John because of his human kindness and not because he is a park supervisor. You get out of life what you give and John is a giver.